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HASS

Report of 10 February 1954:

1. After the reported contact between Karl HASS and a Soviet functionary at the offices of the Soviet Commercial Delegation in Rome, nothing new has been learned. The sign of recognition proposed at the time for an eventual contact between the Soviets and HASS is still in the possession of ☐ ☐ (50-lira note).
2. Since the time of contact with the Soviets, HASS has appeared to have lost all interest in any intelligence activity; he has stated and shows himself to be extremely disillusioned and intends to cut off all contacts.
3. It is to be remembered that immediately after the meeting at the Soviet Delegation, HASS initiated a period of intense commercial activity so that, even if he so desired, he would not have been able to engage in activity other than his business. He trades in toys and during the period 1 December 1953 to 15 January 1954 he was particularly busy.
4. ☐ ☐ had very frequent contacts with HASS during this period and was able to reveal that, outside of his commercial activity, HASS dedicated himself only to certain new conquests of women and to cognac. Naturally, ☐ ☐ cannot claim to have controlled HASS every moment of the day nor can he absolutely exclude the existence of some contact apart from commercial ones. It is very much doubted, however, that this could be the case. In any event, it must be observed that controlling HASS when he is short of money is very easy; on the other hand, when he has money he reacquires control of his reactions and the old faith in himself. In addition to the success of his commercial activity, due in large part to his partner, EMKE, he resumed relations with EMKE and for the last two months they have gone together to night clubs or to the homes of mutual friends almost all of their free time.
5. With regard to feminine company, this increased in accordance with the improvement of his economic situation. All old friendships were resumed and new ones acquired.
6. From early December 1953 to 15 January 1954, HASS received at least thirty letters from his friends in Austria, Germany and elsewhere. He opened and read all this correspondence only after the middle of

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January. Some of the letters, like those from Otto GRUBER from Bolzano, he destroyed without reading. // ✓

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7. In practice he limited himself to giving a certain amount of attention to correspondence from Professor fuu SIX in connection with eventual Italo-German publishing activity in the scientific and literary fields. SIX sent HASS a certain number of volumes to be translated and published in Italy, but it does not appear that HASS has occupied himself too much with this.
 8. One of these volumes regards the activity carried out by an intelligence net in enemy territory--activity of the Soviet Service in Germany and elsewhere during the last World War and, in part, even after the war. The book "Cappella Rossa" (read "Rote Kapelle") is enriched by original documentation.
 9. Because the rebirth of the old and well known German review, Geopolitik is due to his initiative, SIX wants HASS to organize a committee of Italian collaborators. Both SIX and PFEIFFER, director of the review, desire (probably really for cultural reasons) to establish relations with the well known professor fuu CIONE, a theorist of neo-Fascism as he was a student of Benedetto Croce.
 10. SIX will be in Rome on Easter Saturday.
 11. There is nothing new to report regarding HASS' contacts with the German I.S. and with SIPAR.
 12. HASS' relations with the Ministry of the Interior have undergone a change. HASS, who had gone to CAPUTO to have his sojourn permit renewed (it had lapsed some time before) was faced with an unsigned typewritten report which concerned him and which began with approximately the following statement: "From one of my informers, an Italian Journalist who has had recent contacts with HASS, I learned the following..." A detailed report followed, although not correct on certain points (it indicated as a fait accompli HASS' trip to Cairo which, it is known, was only projected) on HASS' activity, making unfavorable judgements in his regard on his contacts with CAPUTO himself and with the SIPAR--according to HASS contacts were not specified. The report ended with the promise of further information. It seems that CAPUTO reacted angrily, especially in consideration of certain opinions which HASS is said to have furnished in his collaboration with CAPUTO; opinions set forth in the report.
 13. At first HASS attributed the report to the newspaperman, FINALDI with whom he had recently had some talks and who, in the past, collaborated with HASS for INONDO (CIG). Now, instead, HASS, after having thought it over, attributed the report to the newspaperman, Mario TELUSQI who, according to him, wrongly reported on that he had learned from FINALDI who is his friend. HASS excluded a priori that the report could be attributed to Messina, UFFREDUZZI with whom he is not on good terms.
 14. Recently, HASS indicated a certain interest in his old intelligence contacts, development of which will be followed. This renewed interest on the part

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of HASS is due, as usual, to the fact that his business affairs, now that the Christmas holidays are over, no longer offer him a satisfying profit.

15. HASS' activity continues to be followed and controlled through

Report of 16 February 1954:

16. With regard to the report showed to HASS by CAPUTO (see above),
[] learned the following:
17. HASS, who at first suspected that UFFREDUZZI was the author of the report and then the newspaperman, FINALDI, changed his opinion again and now believes that it was Mario TERESCHI, prominent journalist, who writes for many reviews and Italian newspapers.
18. Recently, for reasons not yet clear, HASS is again becoming interested in intelligence questions.
19. Also unclear is the nature of the relations which connect the HASS firm--or, rather, his partner EMBKE--with the STEIN shipping firm. The latter makes advance payments on the HASS firm's foreign bills, paying in advance all expenses with regard to getting merchandise out of customs and, what is more, accepts as payment from EMBKE drafts and checks which he receives from Italian clients--all this without paying a cent of interest. Evidently this is an abnormal situation which cannot be explained in any way.
20. On 8 February 1954, [] accompanied EMBKE and HASS to STEIN's. They had given STEIN, as payment on money advanced, checks which HASS and EMBKE had not covered, as they should have, within the established time limit. HASS and EMBKE had gone to STEIN to request a month's extension to cover this sum, since they were in no position to pay it at the time. STEIN, contrary to what was expected, smilingly agreed and stated that there would be no difficulty in extending the time limit even beyond that requested. It was noted that HASS himself was very suspicious about this singular attitude which he attributed to special agreements of an intelligence nature between STEIN and EMBKE.
21. It was to be remembered that STEIN is the regular shipper for the American Embassy (Source Comment: The STEIN question is under investigation).
22. HASS' attitude on the Italian political situation was as follows:
"Today (7 February 1954) I wrote to PRIENKE * in Buenos Aires to be ready to expect me from one moment to the next. SCALBA at the head of the Government signifies an open road to Communism in Italy".

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[] Comment: We have no record of this name but it is recalled that a Captain (Hauptsturmfuehrer) Hans PRIENKE used to be head of the Political Section of the SS prison in Via Tasso in Rome during the German occupation.

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